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To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend special treatment rules under the medicare program for regional referral centers and to permit a hospital that fails to qualify as a regional referral center under the program as a result of a change in geographic classification to decline such change and qualify as such a center.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 21, 1993

Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. SLATTERY, Mr. LANCASTER, and Mr. BEREUTER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*



1 SECTION 1. EXTENSION OF SPECIAL TREATMENT RULES
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3 UNDER MEDICARE FOR REGIONAL REFER-
4 RAL CENTERS.

5 (a) EXTENSION THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 1994.—Sec-
6 tion 6003(d) of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act
7 of 1989 (42 U.S.C. 1395ww note) is amended by striking
8 “October 1, 1992” and inserting “October 1, 1994”.

9 (b) PERMITTING HOSPITALS TO DECLINE RECLASSI-
10 FICATION.—If any hospital fails to qualify as a rural refer-
11 ral center under section 1886(d)(5)(C) of the Social Secu-
12 rity Act as a result of a decision by the Medicare Geo-
13 graphic Classification Review Board under section
14 1886(d)(10) of such Act to reclassify the hospital as being
15 located in an urban area for fiscal year 1994, the Sec-
16 retary of Health and Human Services shall—

17 (1) notify such hospital of such failure to qual-
18 ify,

19 (2) provide an opportunity for such hospital to
20 decline such reclassification, and

21 (3) if the hospital declines such reclassification,
22 administer the Social Security Act (other than sec-
23 tion 1886(d)(8)(D)) for fiscal year 1994 as if the
decision by the Review Board had not occurred.

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